



Frampton on Severn  
Sailing Club

# NEWSLETTER

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## Hot hot hot.

Welcome to the August newsletter.

Please send any articles for the September edition to [support@fosscc.org.uk](mailto:support@fosscc.org.uk) by 17th September.

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# Commodore's comment

Having just been away for 2 weeks, which luckily coincided with the excellent weather, it made me think about the level of water in the lake, which is still going down, but hopefully we are to receive a reprieve and should see some rain over the next few days. Fingers crossed!

Weed, weed, weed and more..... Weed! This year, despite our efforts to reduce the volume of weed by having 2 cuts, the amount of vegetation is still huge. It is currently piled high on the edge of the lake by the clubhouse.

Thanks to Jim Bennett and helpers last weekend for moving the weed from the fishermen's swims. Aquaclear will be on site again to help collect more of the floating weed.

The vegetation issue is ongoing and will be discussed again throughout the winter, to try and find an appropriate plan of action for next year.

Junior Week was a great success and the weather was kind. Not too wet, cold or blustery. Thanks to Diana, Lindsey and the team for a lovely week. I'm sure it was enjoyed by the adults as much as the kids.

I am proposing to have a second boat jumble at the end of the season. Provisionally this could be the 29<sup>th</sup> October, so watch out for posters at the club and on Facebook. If you want to clear space in the garage or want to buy the next project, keep your eyes peeled.

Thank you to the people who came to help with the marquee erecting and the "members get together" on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The numbers of members that turned up to the get together was rather disappointing and ended up being many of the usual faces. Still good to have a chat and some nibbles.

The nights are drawing in and we are looking towards the autumn fixtures, which include powerboat courses and shore based RYA Day Skipper and Yachtmaster evening classes. I believe the powerboat courses are full, but if anybody is interested in the Day Skipper or Yachtmaster courses, please contact either myself or David Coates.

Congratulations to Kay, Sam and Teilo, who have all passed their Day Skipper practicals, which they took in Falmouth at the end of July.

As always, please feel free to come forward or speak to any of the committee members, if you would like to become more involved. We are still urgently seeking a new treasurer and honorary secretary.



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I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Tony Heming

Commodore

# Sailing Matters!

Capsizing is not mandatory, but it helps to cool you down! Launching boats while wearing water-friendly sandals is wonderfully soothing on the feet! Hats, suncream, sunglasses and drinks help to keep you safe and hydrated! Come on down and enjoy the fabulous sailing 😊.

On Wednesday evening we held the final of the [Summer series](#) of races. Although the lake was mirror-like when we launched, surprisingly the wind did appear and we had a lovely race on a smallish course which included two beats so plenty of opportunity for overtaking. **Pete D** and **Ken** took the honors in the handicap and solos fleets respectively. For the series' overall, the medal positions in the solo fleet were **Ken, Bruce and Roger Allan**; the handicap fleet results still need to be consolidated to take account of people sailing different boats or using different rigs in different races throughout the series. A quick scan of the results suggests **Pete D** won the handicap fleet, with **Mike** in second and possibly me third 😊. However, these results are yet to be verified by our results maestro, Sue.

Last Sunday we held our first [Team Racing](#) event for many years. Overall, 12 boats took part in 3 teams: lasers, bytes and a handicap fleet. We had a right laugh! OK, so the wind was light and changeable, but that added to the fun. **Mike** did worry about how on earth he would tame his normal instinct to try to ruin **Pete R's** start or cover him up the beats, but he seemed to cope ok. **SUE** had magnificent starts on three out of the four starts which was not easy due to the vastly fluctuating wind direction & strength. **Laurie** in his mirror had a fabulous first beat on the first race staying up with the lasers & bytes – all the way until the last 50m which went slightly haywire. **John Rosser** did a sterling job of managing four shortish races of approximately 30 minutes each. In the end, it wasn't close – the bytes won by a country mile! [We all definitely want to do something like this again next year.](#) Maybe in class teams; maybe in mixed class team with mixed ability in each class. Watch this space.

Back in mid-July, we held the club championship races for the [Rosamunde Trophy](#). Rosamunde has quite a history at Frampton on Severn, and the green is named after her. She was an ancestor of the current Clifford family who own the estate and reputedly a great beauty who was a mistress of Henry II in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Check Wikipedia for more info [Rosamund Clifford - Wikipedia](#). Unfortunately our trophy seems to have been lost / someone didn't return it. If anyone would like to donate a replacement that would be brilliant (give me a shout before you do anything). But back to the racing.

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I was OOD so had the opportunity to take a few photos. In the first two races, Mike and Pete D had a first and second each so it all hinged on the third race which Pete won. John Rosser was third in the first race, then Hannah turned up and they had a real tussle in the second race with Hannah winning their private battle. John then missed the third race while Hannah achieved another third place to finish third overall. [See you all at the prizegiving on November 26<sup>th</sup>.](#)



Coming up we have the [Junior and Rookie races](#) Sunday 14th (tomorrow as I write this) and 21<sup>st</sup> July, followed by the personal handicap pursuit races. I've now worked out how to calculate the handicaps so that the slower boats don't have to race for 90 minutes and the faster boats only 40 minutes. The slower boats get a few free laps to start with! On Wednesday Evening we start the [Gold/Silver series](#). Everyone is assigned to either the Gold or Silver fleet for the series, depending on their racing history. Gold fleet sets off first followed 2 minutes later by the silver fleet. Both are normal handicap races. This gives those who usually finish mid/lower down the rankings the opportunity to race for prizes! The [Sir Peter Scott Club Championship day](#) is the first Sunday in September. I'm sure it will be

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mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, but in case you did not know, there is no club racing on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September as it is **Frampton Show** day. If you are free that day, please offer to help at the show – it's an amazing event and we always have keen interest in the club which generates new members which keeps the club thriving 😊.

The observant among you will notice that I have not mentioned weed so far. It did seem to have a massive growth spurt just before junior week, but the recent cut seems to have done the job nicely and the amount of weed on the surface has visibly reduced from Wednesday 10 days ago, to last Sunday to Wednesday just gone. I'm just about to jump in the car now and go down to the club to either help with Sailability, and/or move weed with the work party. Many hands make light work!

To those on holiday right now, have a lovely time; to those who have stayed local, enjoy the beautiful weather and enjoy the fabulous sailing at FOSSC!

Cheers

Rhonwen James

Sailing Secretary

## Future Dinghy Instructors (DI)

In order to continue to be able to provide the high standard of RYA sailing courses at Frampton SC, the Club is now seeking additional Dinghy Instructors (DIs) to enable the Club to maintain the standard and number of courses currently available.

It will be expected that the newly qualified DIs join the current pool of instructors and undertake to support the training courses during the year.

The club will support suitable candidates with training to achieve the **entry requirements** for an instructor are as follows :

Minimum age           16

Required certificates : First Aid Certificate

RYA Powerboat level 2

**Experience** : Experienced sailor capable of sailing in strong winds.

**Competence** : Sail a triangular course in a 2 person boat.

Sail a tight circular course around a stationary boat making only one tack and one gybe.

Pick up a man overboard dummy, the boat to be stopped and more than one attempt should not be needed.

Sail without a rudder.

Lee shore landing and departure.

Pick up a mooring.

Come alongside a moored boat.

Recover a capsized dinghy.

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**Training Course :**

Normally about 50 hrs, held over a number of weekends. Course will not necessarily be held at Frampton.

On completion of the course candidates will be required to demonstrate competence in course preparation, delivery and management as well as customer liaison.

All those interested in becoming a DI, please contact:

Bruce Richardson

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# FOSSC Work Parties for 2022

Firstly please note the following dates and designated groups for the 2022 Work Parties at FOSSC:

Work Parties Date

Do-Ha 15/10/2022

He-K 19/11/2022

As usual, if you think you will be unable to make your designated group then please arrange to attend an alternative session.

Please remember to bring suitable clothing, gloves and lunch!

The work parties are not just crucial to maintain the clubs infrastructure, but it is also a great opportunity to meet fellow members. We look forward to seeing you at one of the work parties, which commence at 0930.

Jim Bennett